

OPERATION MERRIMACK PLAN (Remainder of FY-1968)

Operation MERRIMACK Background:

In February 1967, Operation MERRIMACK was activated by the Director of Security to provide timely advance notice of impending demonstrations in order to protect CIA assets and installations on a long-range basis. Accordingly, a small number of [REDACTED] multi-racial covert assets were directed to monitor various protest groups in the Washington area considered to be potential sources of demonstrations against the Agency. One of these agents has successfully penetrated one of the more active local pacifist organizations. The others have actively participated in the various local demonstrations or marches. The results of these limited monitorings has proven to be a valuable source of information, not only for the Office of Security, but for the Intelligence Community as well as the United States Government. In January 1968, the Director of Security re-established the mission of Operation MERRIMACK and directed that it be further sophisticated

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and expanded. Concurrent with the Director of Security's latest instructions on Operation MERRIMACK, the [REDACTED] [REDACTED], since [REDACTED] had the only ongoing domestic operation suitable to their needs, requested that the Special Activities Division aid [REDACTED] in its efforts to penetrate various groups in the United States who are either in communication with representatives of the National Liberation Front (NLF) and North Vietnam (DRV) or groups whose members can or do visit North Vietnam or NLF controlled areas of South Vietnam.

In order to continue to be fully responsive to both internal and external operational requirements, it will be necessary to:

1. Reorganize and further develop the MERRIMACK operations.
2. [REDACTED] into Operation MERRIMACK and protect current OS assets.
3. Obtain necessary funds herein identified for remainder FY-1968.
4. Formally notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation to coordinate this effort with them and requesting

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their support as needed to the Agency and the
operations. At the same time offering to provide
them with all information of interest to them and
as requested by them.

